

Development of Electrode Architectures for High Energy Density Electrochemical Capacitors



Electrode 1

Separator +

Electrolyte

Electrode 2

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Purpose

Overarching goal:

High power (electric double layer) *and* high energy density (pseudocapacitance)

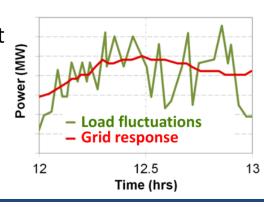
Conceptual approach:

Nanoscale integration of porous carbons with mesoporous metal oxides

Impact on DoE Energy Storage Mission

Low-cost pseudocapacitive energy storage:

Fast response rate power management for grid scale applications; integration of intermittent power sources

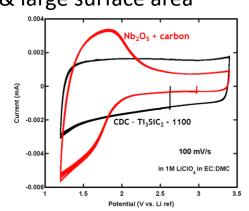


Preliminary Results

Carbon framework: carbide-derived carbon Hierarchical porosity & large surface area

Niobium oxide:

Increase in energy density after hydrothermal synthesis on carbon



Research Plan

Near term:

Optimize synthesis to achieve designed architecture & detailed material characterization

Next year:

Film preparation; prototype fabrication & benchmarking